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Dear Dr. Artamonov:


Although a few days late, I am transmitting herewith the names of the institutions which will be directly involved from the American side in our joint project to develop a common communications format for the exchange of bibliographic data in machine-readable form. These organizations are:

- (1) the Library of Congress;
- (2) the Chemical Abstracts Service;
- (3) the National Technical Information Service;
- (4) the Atomic Energy Commission; and
- (5) the Council on Library Resources.

In order to keep the activity simple and straightforward, I propose that all substantive communications and exchange of materials on the work of the Research Group pass between you and me. I shall see that all members of our group and others interested in the United States are kept fully and currently informed of our work. I would hope that you do the same on your side.

Plans are far advanced to prepare a sample tape for our initial exchange in accordance with our mutually agreed plan. The initial mailing from this end will consist of at least 1,000 book records in the MARC format. These will be shipped before the end of the month via the American Embassy in Moscow to ensure speedy delivery. Full documentation on the format and technical specifications will of course be transmitted as well.

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Please accept my sincere best wishes for a Happy New Year and extend cordial greetings to the other Soviet members of our Research Group. I look forward to a fruitful collaboration.

Sincerely,

Thomas E. Hughes

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